

2012 NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Each year National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Hispanic Americans. Below is a listing of local events and cultural programs that are being held in observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Events are free and open to the public except where noted. Please contact the venues directly to verify logistical and program information.

Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off

September 15, 2012, 11a.m. – 5p.m., The National Museum of American History, National Mall, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue., NW, Washington, DC. Learn about Central American traditions through hands-on arts and crafts activities, workshops, food demonstrations, music, and dance performances by local Central American artists. For additional information, visit <http://americanhistory.si.edu/>.

Fiesta Musical at the National Zoo

September 16, 2012, 11a.m. – 5p.m. Smithsonian's National Zoo, 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an annual fiesta at the zoo. Enjoy animal demonstrations, Hispanic and Latino music, costumed dancers, crafts, and Latin American foods. For additional information, visit nationalzoo.si.edu.

Hispanic Festival

September 16, 2012, 12p.m. – 6p.m., Lane Manor Park, 7601 West Park Drive & University Blvd., Adelphi, MD. Celebrate the rich heritage of our Hispanic communities with ethnic food, displays/exhibitors, cultural performances, and much more. For additional information, visit [Hispanic Festival](#).

Presentation – “The Difference Financial Planning Can Make”

September 20, 2012, 12p.m.-1:30p.m. Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 1425 K Street NW, Room 350, Washington, DC. Learn the benefits of financial planning. RSVP required, [click here to RSVP](#), or contact Julia Hobbes at 202-728-0352, email jhobbes@gwhcc.org.

Fiesta DC

September 23, 2012, 11a.m. – 7p.m., Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Experience the Latino culture at this festival featuring a parade, arts and crafts, international cuisine, embassy and consulate pavilions and more. For additional information, visit www.fiestadc.org.

Presentation

September 27, 2012, 10a.m. – 1p.m. Jodie G. Roure, JD, PhD, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY Latin American & Latin@ Studies Department, will give a talk on "Educational Attainment, the Hispanic Challenge, and Opportunities in the United States" at the Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, ground level, Whittall Pavilion, 10 First St. S.E., Washington, D.C.

Family Day: Hispanics in Science and Aerospace

September 29, 2012, 10a.m. – 3p.m., National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, VA 20151. Learn about Latin Americans' contributions to aviation and space exploration and take part in bilingual story times and hands-on activities. The event is free, but parking is \$15. For additional information, visit www.nasm.si.edu.

Demonstration on Rocks and Minerals

September 29, 2012, 10a.m. – 4p.m. Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, 10th Street and Constitution Ave., NW in Washington, D.C. Find out how rocks and minerals are part of our daily lives and what stories they tell us about the Earth and solar system. Participate in demonstrations and hands-on activities, interacting directly with museum scientists, educators, and volunteers to learn about volcanoes, meteorites, rocks, and minerals, and our relationships with them. Create your own art inspired by rocks and crack open your own geodes! For additional information, visit [Natural History Museum](http://naturalhistory.si.edu).

Film: Los Viajes del Viento (The Wind Journeys, Columbia 2009)

October 4, 2012, 12 Noon – 1:30 p.m. This movie by Ciro Guerra will be shown at the Library of Congress, Mary Pickford Theater, James Madison Building, 3rd Floor, 10 First St. S.E., Washington, D.C.

Film: A Better Life (U.S., 2011)

October 9, 2012, 12p.m. – 1:30 p.m. This movie by Chris Weitz will be shown at the Library of Congress, Mary Pickford Theater, James Madison Building, 3rd Floor, 10 First St., S.E., Washington, D.C. For additional events at the Library of Congress in observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, visit <http://www.loc.gov/rr/hispanic/events.html>.

Family Day: Hispanic Innovators in Aerospace

October 13, 2012, 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. National Air and Space Museum, Independence Avenue and 6th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 6th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Hear about Latin Americans' contributions to aviation and space exploration. Take part in bilingual story times and hands-on activities. For more information, visit [Family Day](http://familyday.si.edu).

Television Programming

Throughout Hispanic Heritage Month both PBS and WETA Television offer a variety of programming that informs and explores the culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans. For a listing of program dates and times, click [PBS Hispanic Heritage Program Listing](http://pbs.org/heritage) and [WETA Hispanic Heritage Program Listing](http://weta.org/heritage).